

LYNX Silver Line: Refined Locally Preferred Alternative

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

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Background/Issue

Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is in the process of evaluating its Lynx Silver Line alignment, which runs from Belmont to Stallings and has four stations in the Town limits. The CATS Silver Line team began this process last year and has been working with Town Staff, Silver Line Task Force Members, and elected officials. Staff members have attended countless meetings, reviewed and commented on technical documents, and helped shape CATS' public engagement. CATS staff attended meetings, provided content, and arranged tours for the Matthews Silver Line Taskforce. In addition, CATS staff has presented information to the Board of Commissioners at its 11/16/2020 and 3/8/2021 meetings, and arranged for a walking tour for members.

Proposal/Solution

Through all of this public input, coordination and with a defined decision-making process, CATS staff has refined the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that was adopted in 2017. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is scheduled to take action on the refined LPA on April 28, 2021. CATS staff has requested that the Board of Commissioners provide input before that time.

Financial Impact

None.

Related Town Goal

To identify, plan, design, fund and build transportation facilities that efficiently and effectively serve the community in a cost effective and environmentally sensitive manner.

To innovatively provide a well-planned, well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure, that adds long-term value and offers efficient access to the Town and surrounding communities.

To maintain a small town identity by providing a vibrant downtown, pedestrian friendly community, extensive greenway system, and recreation and cultural activities

Recommended Action

Adopt the Resolution supporting the refined Locally Preferred Alternative developed by CATS staff.